

## Seeing the World

HE JOGGED around from town to town, "to see the world," was his excuse; he'd get a job and hold it down a little while, then turn it loose. "Oh, stay," employers used to say, "your moving is a foolish trick; you'll soon be earning bigger pay, for we'll promote you pretty quick." "This town is punk," he would reply, "and every street is named Queer; I'd see the world before I die—I do not wish to stagnate here." Then he was young and quick and strong, and jobs were thick, as he jogged by, till people passed the word along that on him no one could rely. Then, when he landed in a town, and wished to earn a humble wage, the stern employers turned him down—"we want you, not your record's bad." He's homeless in these wintry days, he has no bed, no place to sup; he "saw the world" in every phase; the world saw him—and passed him up. It's good to "see the world," no doubt, but one should make his home first, or age will find him down and out, panhandling for the winerwart. (Copyright by George M. Adams.)

## Learning Bitterly

CERTAINLY Great Britain is more of a military nation than the United States, yet see how long it is taking her to get together an army of any size or importance. Where would England have been by now if, instead of having merely to assist the French millions and the Russian millions to hold Germany back, she had had to meet and resist the single and initial attack of Germany? Nearly seven months have gone by, and still the British army is not ready. Hardly a tenth as many men have gone to the front as France has had in the battle lines.

England must have been infinitely better prepared for such an emergency than the United States is today. It is utterly appalling to think of what our country would have to suffer in the first six to twelve months of a war with a first class power under modern conditions. The other day, in a comparatively minor battle on the Poland frontier in which 100,000 Germans were engaged, the Germans had with that one army nearly three times as many guns as we have in our whole regular artillery force, and almost as many runs as there are today in the United States, including all manufactured and stored in arsenals.

Even France was caught so far from fully prepared that one of her high officers recently declared that the artillery ammunition of the army defending Paris could not have lasted through five days if the Germans had pressed their offensive that long, but that fortunately the Germans decided to retire after three days fighting along the line of their westermost advance. This officer admitted that the French would have been beaten if the fight had lasted two days longer. But our American supply of artillery ammunition, both field and coast defense, is measured by hours, not even days, on a war basis.

As told by the British minister of finance, England is spending money at the rate of \$17,000,000 a day, \$500,000,000 a month, but money will not make an army. The war has already cost England, according to one British statistician, as much as the Crimean war and the Boer war combined—in other words, six months of this war have cost as much as six years of those two wars. Yet money will not make an efficient fighting machine in less than just a few months. It is not at all a question of individual courage or seal, or of quick and abundant recruiting; it is a matter of training and equipment.

These things should be a lesson to us. Remember Gen. Wood's remark about the "pacifist" at the outbreak of war standing on the shore with big trees about him and on ore in unlimited quantity under his feet, and saying, with an airy sweep of his arm, "Here are our fleets," as if the trees and the iron could leap by magic into the shapes of battleships, ready manned, armed, and equipped, at his summons. No more can an army be made in a hurry after the crisis comes.

Advertising has become so necessary and certain an element in getting along, that not only do charities and great universities and candidates for office do it, but even the churches advertise their services and offerings of song and sermon and prayer.

## Save the Sparks

WOULDN'T it be perfectly wonderful if men would devote as much energy to the ordinary affairs of everyday in city-building and city betterment, as they devote for a few weeks to political campaigning? Just think of all the things that might be accomplished if men would work that way for the general good, in other than campaign time. Think of the efficiency that would be manifest in every department of government. Think of the financial soundness and economy that would prevail everywhere. Think of the watchfulness that would prevent anything like waste or wrong, throughout the governmental machine.

Think of what could be done to Chihuahuita with such energy. Think of the possibilities of relief work, charity work, and employment bureaus organized like that. Think of the parks and streets and sidewalks, the cleanliness and health, the beauty and enjoyment, that might be promoted by such splendid effort and organization. How quickly we should have the Mesa Scenic Drive and the Mesa Scenic Park. How quickly the question of a free bridge and a straight boulevard to Juarez would be solved. How street lighting would flourish. How the municipal auditorium project would leap to realization.

It ought to be possible to get enthusiastic in March as well as in February—in an even numbered spring as well as in an odd numbered spring. It ought to be possible to get 1000 members for the chamber of commerce, and to raise a \$100,000 Budget fund. It ought to be possible to colonize the valley with real farmers. It ought to be possible to arrange a suitable celebration for the opening of the Rio Grande irrigation project.

Some thousands of men have stirred themselves, and have been stirred, these last few weeks as seldom or never before. Why not keep it up, without the rancor, but with all the energy and vigilance?

There are plenty watching for peace honors when the war is over. The pope would like to make peace, Spain is saying that her neutrality will make her a power when peace is spoken of, and the United States makes no secret that Uncle Sam is after the honor of having a hand in making peace after the biggest war ever fought.

## Turned Down

THE losers will console themselves with the reflection that it is not always the best men that are appointed or elected to public office. A letter written by U. S. Grant to his father in 1855 sheds some light on the great commander's early career when he was shrouded in obscurity and his opportunity had not yet come. Grant, trained in West Point and a competent engineer, failed to receive the appointment of county engineer of St. Louis county, and he writes: "The two Democratic commissioners voted for me and the Free Soilers against me. You may judge that I am strongly identified with the Democratic party; such is not the case—I never voted an out-and-out Democratic ticket in my life. I voted for Buchanan to defeat Fremont, but not because he was my first choice. In all other elections I have unhesitatingly selected the candidates that, in my estimation, were best fitted for the different offices, and it never happens that such are all arrayed on one side."

So it sometimes happens that even the "verdict of the people" at the polls is not accepted as final by unsuccessful candidates; and Grant is only one of many worthy people who have not hesitated to declare that they exercised their own free choice among candidates without being bound by any party thrall.

Ben Greet, the English outdoors play actor, is reviving Will Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, a cracking funny play too—it has more life and more upsets and more comical bewilderment to it than any ten ordinary plays, but the world in more and more inclined to take it Shakespeare seriously and as a task, and to miss the diversion. So Ben Greet is playing to small audiences. The world misses many a good time by being afraid of Shakespeare.

## 14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1901.

S. L. Pearce left this morning on a business visit to Chihuahuita. Mr. B. F. Durbynshire came in last night from a visit to Arizona points. Mrs. Calisher will give a party to a few of her friends next Thursday. Mrs. J. H. McKinnell will give an informal dance at her home tonight. R. W. Curtis returned last night from an extended trip through Arizona. The Chaffin Club will meet tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Waters Davis. Miss Shields, of Los Angeles, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hunter. The Women's High Five club will be entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. P. E. Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. John Sorenson and their daughter, Juanita, left yesterday for New Orleans. Mrs. Whitbeck will give a musical at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. F. Campbell, tomorrow afternoon. The women of the Presbyterian church will give a tea at Mrs. M. M. Bray's residence Thursday afternoon. James H. Smith, city assessor and collector, has issued a notice that all business visit to Chihuahuita. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. H. P. Noake gave a card party at her home. The prizes were won by Mrs. Z. T. White and Mrs. Knox. Mrs. W. H. Seamon and Mrs. F. Seamon will give a tea Monday afternoon at Mrs. W. H. Seamon's residence in honor of Miss Ann Martin. Tomorrow evening there will be a song service given at the Presbyterian church. The choir consists of Mrs. W. D. Howe, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Kingsley and Mr. Spear. The Texas legislature is still considering the invitation to visit El Paso County surveyor A. H. Parker has just returned from Austin and says that the latter is receiving earnest consideration. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Frank Wells Brown gave a valentine party. Among those present were: Misses White, Howard, Simmons, Hawkins, Blumhardt, Crawford, Newell, Kohlberg, Cox, Rice, Brown, Messers, Booth, Sweeney, White, Dickerson, Cagle, Lindsey, Newell, Pollard, McKie and Brown.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

"NEVER, in all the time I have lived in El Paso have I seen a sight like that," said Walter Davis as he pointed to a file of 190 men standing in line outside one of the voting places on North El Paso street. This election has certainly aroused the people here more than any other. It will be the largest vote ever polled here and one of the closest elections.

"As the European war continues the interest in it is increasing and people are eagerly reading everything they can get on the subject," said Mrs. Edith Graham, owner of the public library. "They are beginning to be more factual and the librarians have to give considerable time in clearing the magazines and books from marginal comment."

"A. A. Gates, of Greenville, S. C., who was recently here on a visit on route to California, is highly pleased with El Paso. I have just seen him a copy of The Herald's Anniversary edition," said W. D. Mayfield. "He stopped over here to visit me on his way to California, we having been in many years. I showed him our city and a very little of the surrounding country, as best I could in the very short stay he could make, owing to engagements in California made in advance. Mr. Gates has been to Greenville, S. C., and he knows the possibilities that any place I was in. Mr. Gates is a man of means and is thinking of coming west to live and make investments."

"There have been fewer real 'flicks' than were anticipated before the inauguration of the complaint department," said C. A. Brann, city auditor. "But the department is accomplishing good results in bringing the attention of various departments to conditions that otherwise would not be known. A complaint promptly calls attention to needed repairs and the department can then make the repairs."

"I was greatly surprised at the size and character of the construction of El Paso," said Ed Swensrud, of Des Moines, Ia. "Riding through west Texas with my wife and two children, and nothing but little hamlets as trading centers, I was not prepared for the city I beheld upon my arrival. I knew of the city, but I rather expected to see an overgrown Mexican town. Instead, I found a live American city, with just enough foreign element in it to make it quaint."

"El Paso should make the completion of the Elephant Butte dam the occasion for the biggest celebration ever held in the entire southwest," said Frank Dunham, Jr., of the city. "The dam is the greatest project ever undertaken by the government reclaiming lands and ranks with the building of the Panama canal. It is of national wide interest. Just as the canal is, and an appropriate celebration will bring hundreds of people from all over the country to El Paso. Besides this, El Paso can be assured of the hearty support of this entire section, as there is not a city or town that is not only ready but anxious to join in an 'Elephant Butte' celebration."

"El Paso is a prosperous up to date city now," said E. F. Strader, managing editor of "World's Work." But the El Paso of 1915, will be as far ahead of the present city as 1915 El Paso is ahead of 1890 El Paso. I have visited many cities in the west but, in my opinion, none of them have the opportunity for growth that this city has. The Elephant Butte dam, alone, would assure a bright future, even though the city was not surrounded by the copper and cattle industries and the huge buying power of Mexico when peace is reestablished. For a time interest in the east was centered in the European war, but the public is again closely following the trend of events in Mexico, as it is realized that a sudden change for the worse there will much more vitally affect this country than European events would."

NEW SOUTHWESTERN TRAINS STARTED ON EASTERN DIVISION. The Southwestern railroad line has started its new local to Tucumcari Tuesday morning. This train which has been out on obsolete stops by the Golden State at least once a week. The Golden State and Tucumcari will be known as No. 8. It will leave the union station at 3:15 a. m. daily. The corresponding train, coming into El Paso from Tucumcari, will be known as No. 7, and will arrive at the union station at 7:35 p. m. Only three passengers boarded the first train to leave Tuesday morning.

## AMERICAN RAILROADS The Burlington

BY GEORGE FITCH.  
Author of "At Good Old Slacks."

WHENEVER the wanderer from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska or Missouri sees a freight car with the word "Burlington" on it, he weeps tears of thankfulness and says: "Thank heaven, I am getting near home." "Burlington" is a household word in these states and is well and favorably commented upon in Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Dakota. For more than 60 years it has continued its work of offering the cattle and horse of the great west luxurious and speedy transportation to Chicago and of introducing the crops of half a dozen great states to the quick, forcible men with money to pay for the same. It is one of the so-called "stranger" roads and is the sixth system in the country, earning about \$100,000,000 a year.

"The Burlington began life as the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, thereby affixing two Mississippi river towns for ever on the map. It operates a double and triple tracked main line from Chicago to Omaha and continues west in a profuse and thorough manner to Denver, Cheyenne, Deadwood and Billings, Mont. It also touches St. Paul, St. Louis and Kansas City and is now venturing into Kentucky by means of a colonial bridge over the Ohio.

The Burlington has had an eventful and unique history. In the '80's it was the greatest strike in history against the engineers and was compelled for some time to operate hand-cars under full power. Its races from Chicago to Omaha with rival roads to win mail contracts have been famous and it has never been beaten. It runs the fastest mail train in the country, introduced flush vestibuled trains to the public and is generally five years ahead in dining car styles. It is known as the

widest there were three decided streaks or faded spots.

"Do you suppose I can take this staid old?" Helen asked. "Well, I don't know, ma'am. Nora answered in her usual noncommittal fashion. "What is it?" "That's just it, I don't know," Helen said. "Give it to me, Mrs. Curtis, and I'll see what I can do with it. Maybe it will rub out."

Helen went back to her room to find the fur she had thought of using. A moment later Nora came in. "It's no use, Mrs. Curtis," she announced. "The cloth is spoiled. It's too bad. What were you going to do with it?" she inquired.

"I wanted to make a coat for Miss Winifred." Today was Thursday. Winifred had to have the coat by Saturday night. If Helen was going to buy it she would have to go downtown that afternoon. She looked up at the little clock on the mantelpiece. Half past 12 already! Helen thought that afternoon. "Warren's partying injunction, but she decided to go any way. She needn't tell him she had been out. Other wives didn't tell their husbands everything, she reasoned.

By 2 o'clock she was in the center of the shopping district. She went through the children's department of two shops and already found herself growing tired. At the third place she found an old saleswoman, who, after showing Helen several coats, brought out one of a tan colored material trimmed with beaver fur. It was exactly what she had thought of. But it was expensive. For once Helen valiantly crumpled all qualms on that count and promptly said she would take it. She would have it wrapped and carry it home. She was so anxious to try it on Winifred that she had to have it at once.

The long trip uptown in the subway was forgotten. Helen didn't stop to think how tired she felt or how unpleasant the rain was. She could picture her little girl in the attractive new coat. She could imagine Winifred's nodding and how pretty she would look in it. All Helen thought of was to get home. Once out of the subway, pushed along rather than walking, she reached her apartment. She quickly inserted the key in the lock and fairly ran into the hallway. To her dismay she was confronted by Warren.

"Well, here you are at last," he said.

## INDOOR SPORTS

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## Students of the El Paso Schools

PUPILS of the high fourth grade, at the Vilas school, are in the same room with the low fifth grade pupils. They have the advantage of Spanish classes, and the girls have work in the sewing classes while the boys have the bench work in the manual training classes, three departments that are not taken up as a rule until the pupils enter the fifth grade. This room has a new picture for its walls, an attractive scene of the grand canal in Venice.

The pupils of the high fourth grade are taught by Miss Edith Dodson. They are:

Kathryn Barrow.	Martha Hirt.	Don Macomber.
Zora Briden.	Carrie Bell Hooper.	Conception Medrano.
Johnnie Conroy.	Mary Alice Johnson.	June Ramon.
Arthur Dickens.	Mildred Lefkowitz.	Josephine Thomson.
James Flanagan.	Janice Monroe.	William Warren.
Walter Freudenhal.	Jesus Medrano.	Rachael Weckerle.
Sarah Goodman.		

The names of the low fourth grade will appear tomorrow.

## The Daily Noveltie

PURSUED BY MORDINITY.

LEANING back comfortably in his patent Ahe-and-Morris chair, the great detective toyed with his hypodermic needle and smiled reminiscently.

"Did I ever tell you how I outwitted the master crook, Mordinity?" he said. "Oh, I didn't? Then I will! You see, for once, Mordinity caught me napping. I was unarmed, while he was fairly bristling with revolvers—Lee and Perrins, Ostermoo, Overholt—and all the rapid firing kinds."

"Well, it was a merry chase, I can tell you. Finally I ran through Skaggs' department store, hoping I could throw him off the scent by doubling around the perfume counter. But it was no go!"

"Finally, the store was only one last chance open to me. I had taken refuge in one of the store rooms, with a rapidly closing door behind me, and I leaped into an empty sack, which was labelled 'broken glass,' and drew the draw strings tight just as Mordinity burst in through the window. I heard him curse dreadfully as he saw that the room was apparently empty. Then he muttered, 'I'll give this bag a kick, just to see what it's made of.' And he did—a ferocious kick. You will admit it was a close call. But did my well known presence of mind desert me? No! For a second, I was in my voice, I whispered, 'Tinkle, tinkle.'"

"His glass, all right," muttered Mordinity, and I was saved!"

"Where on earth have you been? You must be crazy to go out on such a day if you don't have to. It's after 5, too. I have been waiting for you, you know. I thought you'd be about. There's no pleasing or doing the right thing for women, it seems to me."

"Tell Warren to look at that!" Helen cried. "What does it matter if I have been out? I'm all right, not a bit wet—really. So sister, I, at him, then kissed him. 'Really, Warren, you know I'm old enough to know my own mind, and I'm not a child. I want to every which way of yours.' With more spark than she usually dated slow. For once Warren was not rolling and merely stared at her. Helen's tone of finality was an unusual one for her to adopt. He turned from her.

"Wait a moment, Warren. I'll tell you to have tea for us and light a fire in the living room. It will be cozy and cheerful. And, oh, Warren, do come and look at the coat I've bought for Winifred. It's too adorable. You'll love it!"

Warren's smile having melted under Helen's enthusiasm, he followed her into their room in a complete state of mollification.

"Tell Nora to hurry with that tea," he commanded. "I'm mighty hungry. Now let's see the coat."

## POLICEMAN PHENIX IS SHOT.

HARRY PHENIX, a city policeman, was wounded in the leg about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning by unknown Mexican bullets, when returning to his home at 714 North Virginia street. The shooting occurred at Kansas and Wyoming streets. The policeman's wound was not serious and he walked to his home.

## EL PASOANS SAW METEOR.

Several people saw the meteor which passed over El Paso, Mo. and Mrs. Oscar Parfall and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson who reside at 829 Lebanon street saw the meteor on the night of Jan. 2.

## FILLING UP A DANCING PARTY WITH MEN.

Now what am I to do? The city electrician cannot find a man to come to my shop when I am not in. When a one of electricians is not right, whom does the city electrician inform? The builder, the owner or the man who did the work? In all other places, I have seen it is the policy of the city electrician to notify the electrical contractor only, and a report of just what is wrong follows by mail.

I want to know just what particular laws I have to follow, as I lose a considerable amount of work, because I figure to wire according to the National electrical code of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. I would like to know if this code applies to the city or not.

It was not so long ago that the Electrical Workers' union asked this same question of our city council, stating that much electrical work in this city was not done according to code. I also claim and am ready to prove that it is not.

By W. H. Brophy, Owner.

## Letters to The Herald.

[All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.]

## WOULD BE QUITE A LIST.

Pease, Tex., Feb. 15.  
Editor El Paso Herald:  
Through your valuable paper, please publish the names and addresses of all property within four blocks of the police department in your city now occupied by any prostitute or rented for prostitution purposes.

R. W. Williams  
[A letter to the chief of police would be published, being the desired information.—Editor.]

## AN ANTI RING MAN.

I never put myself up as a prophet, though I have my own ideas. I have been a ring advocate for years, but I have changed. I am now an anti ticket, from top to bottom. I want to see a change in our municipal administration. Mr. Kelly has done the best he could, but I think he is the good he has done, and condemn him for that he should have done and did not do. I remember writing a short letter to The Herald three years ago condemning the city fathers for giving a franchise to the stockyards in city limits. Mr. Kelly, in his speech, only a few weeks ago, admitted his mistake, and said "While I am mayor I never will again give a franchise to stock yards in our city limits. I told the truth, from the fact he never will be mayor of this city again. Tom Lea is our next mayor by 1890 majority. Safety first. Ben C. Moore.

## ELECTRICAL INSPECTION.

I would like to ask the city electrician, through your paper, what method of inspection they apply to the city of El Paso, and what a piece of work will pass inspection when done by a certain contractor but will not pass inspection when done by another contractor. Yes, the work is done in a similar manner, with similar material. As an instance: A week ago we wired a building for Queen to be a street light. I was asked by Mr. Sauer if I could wire over the top of the ceiling rafters instead of boring holes through them, as the method would weaken the structure. Knowing that this had been done in a great number of cases, and had been passed by the city electrician, I told him yes, and proceeded to wire in this manner. The city electrician came to my shop and left word that Mr. Rattenbury, city electrician, wanted to see me. I went to his office and explained the matter. He told me that Mr. Rattenbury did not understand that Mr. Sauer preferred the other method of wiring. I went to Mr. Sauer's office and explained the matter. He told me that Mr. Rattenbury informed me that it made no difference to him, but that the city electrician would not pass the job. I was then told to go back to the rafters. I then went to the city hall and could not find the city electrician. I then went to Mr. Sauer's office and explained the matter. He told me that Mr. Rattenbury did not understand that Mr. Sauer preferred the other method of wiring. I went to Mr. Sauer's office and explained the matter. He told me that Mr. Rattenbury informed me that it made no difference to him, but that the city electrician would not pass the job. I was then told to go back to the rafters. I then went to the city hall and could not find the city electrician. I then went to Mr. Sauer's office and explained the matter. He told me that Mr. Rattenbury did not understand that Mr. Sauer preferred the other method of wiring. I went to Mr. Sauer's office and explained the matter. 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